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HIS GIRL

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"I cannot see, Leonard, what you are waiting for. Why do you dawdle so?"

Len's calm blue eyes placidly returned his mother's piercing scrutiny. "Well, there is no use in being too hasty; Rose is young yet."

Mrs. Ross moved so briskly that her darning-egg rolled out of the sock and dropped. "Young! Do you know that she was twenty-nine her last birthday. You are three years older, and yet you go about placidly as though you were both eighteen years old. Haven't you seen Tom Briggs going into their yard every single day? Do you know that he took her flowers yesterday and candy the day before? He'll cut you out yet."

Len flushed. "Why, I thought Rose liked—" He stopped and stared at the dapper figure of Tom Briggs, who passed at that moment. There was a confident smile on the dark, handsome face of the young man who had returned to his home town for a few weeks on business.

"Liked, yes—but do you suppose she's going to pass up a chance like that in case you might, sometime, get up enough spunk to propose? Tom is a wealthy man, he has had advantages that you've never had. He talks French like a native and his suits—well, you just ought to hear the girls rave about his clothes."

"No use of a man being a sissy," commented Len, rising and standing over his mother. When he was standing Len looked like a blond giant, with his thick, fair hair, and large, serene face.

"No use of a man being afraid to speak out." Mrs. Ross smiled down into her mending as she heard his half-sneering ejaculation.

The whole village had been flustered since the coming of Tom Briggs. Although he owned the handsome brick house on Main street, he had not bothered to open it up for his brief stay. At the hotel he had taken the best room and his queer city ways were the unfailing topic under discussion whenever he was not present.

After his early supper that night Len gave his thick hair an extra brush and changed his coat. Then he went slowly down the street toward Rose's home.

"Nother feller's calling on your girl," taunted Sam, and dodged back behind his faithful hedge.

Len began to think seriously. Tom was a good-looking man.

Rose was working on a piece of crocheting, although the dusk was approaching swiftly. Tom, a picturesque figure in a white silk suit, was sitting well forward in his chair and talking in low, earnest tones.

Len slowly pushed open the gate and went up the walk. Rose greeted him quietly, and nodded toward another chair.

"Don't you get pretty sick of this small-town stuff, Len? Tom's dark eyes studied the other's face."

"No," said Len, replying to the unspoken, but implied taunt; "guess it's just about my speed. They're all my home folks and I wouldn't feel satisfied anywhere else."

"But," objected Tom, flicking the ashes of his cigarette with a white hand, "there are no opportunities for

big deals here."

Len followed the flash of the jewel on the effeminate finger: "Maybe not. I'm making more every year, and that satisfies me."

Tom finally took his leave. He knew Len of old, and did not try to outstay him, as he would have done with almost any other fellow.

"Think over what I said," he had bent over Rose's chair and the words were a mere whisper, but Len heard. "Rose," Len had waited until the click of the gate had sounded after Tom's departure, "are you going to marry Tom?"

Rose failed to reply. "Are you?" A new note had crept into the quiet, assured voice. Len had become frightened.

Rose evidently was undecided. The dapper Tom Briggs, with his hale of wealth, the owner of the elegant brick house with satin-covered furniture in the big parlors, had dazzled her.

A stray moonbeam rested on the girl's dark head, turning it into a misty silver, and Len, rising hastily, thought fleetingly that she would look like that in 20 years' time when she would be growing old. "But," he thought, "cynching his hands, 'she shan't be Tom's wife.'"

Len bent hastily over the silent girl. "You don't answer, Rose. I'll put the question differently: 'Are you going to marry me?'"

"Of course. Who else?" Rose's ingenuous eyes met his own in the light cast by the moon. The man was sure that a smile of amusement lingered in the usually candid depths, but he was too content to inquire further. She was his girl, and that was all he cared about.

Mail Carriers at Work.

In Japan the rural post-rider still swings his baskets across his shoulders precisely as his ancestors did centuries ago. In Formosa, also, the mails are carried this day by a man on foot, who jogs along with a paper lantern as the light. The postman of the Lanes, in southwestern France, stride across the waste on gigantic stilts, their feet a fathom or more above the ground.

Sugar and Crime.

The observation has been made in the English courts that 90 per cent of the children brought up for trial were accused of stealing sweets. This corroborates the assertion of Judge Henry Neil that whenever there is an increase in juvenile crime it is due to a scarcity of sugar. The children must have sugar and they will steal it if they must.

At Home.

The program at the Twentieth Century club was on Joan of Arc, her tortures and imprisonment. A small boy had been allowed to accompany his mother and had seemed much interested in the program. On the way home he said: "Take me again, mother. I like that Penitentiary club."

Wherever it is found by a customer that the dealer has not come down in his prices, the heat-producing quality of meat makes itself felt at once under the collar.

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the THE FRANKLIN FIRE INSURANCE CO. of Philadelphia, in the state of Pennsylvania, for the year ending December 31, 1920, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law.

CAPITAL	
Amount of capital stock paid up.	\$1,000,000.00
Net premiums received during the year.	\$3,117,099.54
Dividends paid on capital stock.	248,947.41
Income from other sources received during the year.	361,750.80
Total income.	\$3,727,797.75
EXPENSES	
Net losses paid during the year, including adjustment expenses.	\$1,132,867.29
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year.	180,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year.	982,536.94
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year.	82,717.09
Amount of all other expenditures.	245,591.04
Total expenditures.	\$2,623,712.36
ASSETS	
Value of real estate owned (market value).	\$129,776.08
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value).	\$4,824,172.50
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	3,500.00
Cash in banks and on hand.	\$52,959.21
Prepaid in course of collection written since Sept. 30, 1920.	\$63,410.33
Interest and rents due and accrued.	78,457.13
Total admitted assets.	\$6,547,275.32
LIABILITIES	
Gross claims for losses unpaid.	\$ 543,313.00
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks.	2,099,701.00
All other liabilities.	1,824,934.41
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock.	\$4,467,948.41
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Net premiums received during the year.	\$2,344.36
Losses paid during the year.	15,066.38
Losses incurred during the year.	16,274.88
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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Pear picking, packing and shipping have begun in the Rogue river valley. Nineteen fires have been discovered in the Siskiyou forest so far this season.

Fully 2750 tons of pears will be packed by Salem canners during the 1921 season.

Practically all logging camps in Marion and Polk counties are now in operation.

Nine marriage licenses were issued in Umatilla county during July and nine divorce suits were filed.

Dairymen near Tunnalo are considering the possibility of raising funds to build and operate a cheese factory.

While bathing in Wallowa lake near Enterprise, Albert Wenham, 40 years old, and Marie Pratt, 15, were drowned.

Forty-five members of various boys' and girls' industrial clubs participated in stock judging contests in Linn county.

It is estimated that approximately 1000 pickers will be needed in Marion county to handle the hop yield now coming on.

A permit for the construction of a new Oddfellows' building at Salem has been issued. The structure will cost approximately \$35,000.

A campaign has been started at Coquille in Lane county, to drain 5000 acres of land in that locality. Preliminary surveys have already been made.

Three of the leading primary educators of Olayama, Japan, arrived in Portland last week for the purpose of making a study of our common school system.

The increase in the volume of postal business handled at Eugene has resulted in an authorization by the supervising architect of alterations costing \$6000.

Distribution of the first 7500 copies of an edition of 25,000 of the 1921-22 edition of the Oregon Blue Book has been begun by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state.

Voluntary reduction in their daily wage from \$10 to \$9 a day is announced by the brickmasons of Salem through George Vlesko, president of the local union.

The Cottage Grove cannery has sold \$23,000 of its future pack for this year and could dispose of a larger quantity were there a certainty that it could be delivered.

Floyd Young, weather forecaster at Clatsop, Iowa, has arrived in the Rogue river valley for a study of the relationship between the ripening of pears and spring frosts.

Paving operations into Coquille have begun. The completion of this 2600 foot stretch will provide a continuous pavement from Marshfield to the county seat of Coos county.

The China-east relief campaign in Clatsop county netted a total of \$1257 cash to be spent in Astoria for salmon, while the canneries donated \$1200 worth of canned salmon.

The 21 mile unit of the Pacific highway between Ashland and the California state line has cost \$800,000. The pavement in the mountain district is 10 feet wide and 18 at the curves.

During the year ended June 30, 1921, there were 20,456 claims filed with the state industrial accident commission under the workmen's compensation act, as against 21,378 for the previous 12 months.

Baker county enthusiasts are hopeful of securing early action by the federal government on the Thief Valley project, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000 and take in about 40,000 acres.

The entire tonnage of pears controlled by the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association in the Willamette and Umpqua valleys has been sold at \$65 a ton f. o. b. shipping point for No. 1s and \$35 for No. 2s.

There has been paid to the secretary of state during the period February, 1919, to June 30, 1921, taxes on sales of gasoline and distillate aggregating \$1,198,933.83, according to a report prepared at Salem.

Joseph Weber has harvested 7600 pounds of loganberries from a three quarter acre tract near Creswell thus far this season. W. P. Caviness has picked 3200 pounds of berries from a tract a quarter of an acre in extent.

The term of summer school just closed at the University of Oregon is declared by university officials to have been the most successful ever held. There were 342 students enrolled, an increase of 57 per cent over last year.

W. L. Benham of Portland has filed an application with the state engineer covering the appropriation of 300 second feet of water from Clear lake, Fish lake, Lava lake, Lost lake and McKenzie river for the development of approximately 22,500 horsepower in Linn county.

Mrs. Ida Crouch Hazlett, national socialist lecturer from New York, was pelted with pastry and ordered off the streets of Boone, Iowa, when she criticized the present form of government in the United States.

Reports reaching Salem indicate that petitions are now being circulated in various sections of the state under the direction of the Congress of War Mothers, asking that the sentence imposed in the case of Jack Rathle be commuted to life imprisonment in the penitentiary.

What is believed to be the highest price ever received for northwestern cherries on eastern markets was reported from Chicago when a car of cherries shipped through The Dalles branch of the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association sold for an average of 32 1/2 cents a pound.

Every troller and every purse seiner who brings salmon into the Columbia river, and who is not operating under an Oregon license, is to be arrested and prosecuted by the state fisheries department. This was announced at a conference at Astoria between Carl D. Shoemaker, state fish warden, several of the salmon packers, and A. W. Norblad, who has been appointed to assist the state in the prosecutions.

The state irrigation securities commission has certified to bonds of the Summer lake irrigation district in the sum of \$260,000 and the Silver lake irrigation district in the amount of \$275,000.

Three rock crushers are engaged in turning out material for hard surfacing the Crane-Lawson highway for a distance of 12 miles. One third of the work is completed. The entire road will be open for traffic November 1.

Requisition papers were issued by Governor Olcott for the return to Oregon of J. J. Walker, ex-cashier of the Lafayette State bank at Lafayette, Yamhill county, on a charge of arson, committed in November, 1920. Walker was said to be under arrest in Minnesota.

Many mills in the northwest, which closed as a result of congestion of the yards, owing to the inability to ship lumber during the seamen's strike, are now contemplating resuming operations, according to Chester J. Hogue, acting secretary of the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

Among the successful candidates for appointments as second lieutenants in the regular army examined on April 25 are the following from Oregon: William Conrad Jones, Salem; Wallace Ellsworth Niles, Grants Pass; Harold Stevenson, Harry Lynch and William Orville Collins of Corvallis.

Loans and discounts of the 327 banks operating in Oregon show a decrease of more than \$32,500,000 since June 30, 1920, according to a report by Frank Bramwell, state superintendent of banks, based upon statements received from the various institutions at the close of business, June 30, 1921.

With the exception of the Old Soldiers' home at Roseburg and the girls' industrial school located in Salem, the per capita cost of conducting the ten most important state institutions has decreased materially since a year ago, according to a report prepared by R. B. Goodin, secretary of the state board of control.

Following the lead of the city of Canby, which reduced its street lights to one-seventh of their former number in retaliation for the recent rise in the electric rates, 100 citizens at a mass meeting acclaimed their intention to order the Molalla Power company to discontinue furnishing them electricity.

The Prescott drainage district, in Columbia county, has filed application with the state irrigation and drainage securities commission for the certification of bonds in the sum of \$10,000. The money will be used for constructing a dyke, installing pumps and establishing an outlet. The district is near Gobie.

There were two fatalities due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending August 4, according to a report filed by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were Vernon Foster, logger, Gaston, and H. T. Lowe, logger, Valsets.

A total of 428 accidents were reported during the week.

At a hop-growers' meeting which nearly every dealer of Independence and vicinity attended it was agreed to pay 50 cents a box for picking and \$3 a day for common labor during the season. About 5000 pickers will be employed in the yards near Independence, and picking will commence between September 1 and 15.

Contractors employed by the state in road improvement work are making faster progress this season than at any time in the history of the state highway department, according to a report of Roy Klein, secretary of the commission. Mr. Klein said that practically all contracts now awarded would be completed before fall.

Twenty per cent of the employees of the state industrial accident commission will be released from service on September 1. This action is made necessary, members of the commission said, because of the slump in industrial activities, particularly the lumbering industry, and the reduction in wages throughout the state, which has reflected itself in a proportionate decrease in the commission's income.

Plans under consideration by Samuel Hill for the reclamation of more than 27,000 acres of the north canal segregation, lying within the central Oregon irrigation district boundaries, have reached a stage where only the desert land board's disapproval of the contract to take over the Central Oregon irrigation company's rights in the north canal dam and the Benham falls reservoir will prevent construction.

The navy department is ready to turn the old battleship Oregon over to the state of Oregon as a war relic, to be maintained by the state and to be berthed at Portland, if consent is obtained from congress. Assistant Secretary Roosevelt informed Representative Sinnott. To assign the ship to Oregon waters for the training of naval reserves, as has been suggested, is out of the question, the assistant secretary said, because of the retrenchment policy.

NEED FOR BALANCE WHEEL

Courage is, of course, a magnificent thing, but should be regulated by prudence.

Courage is an indispensable quality in our success; but if it is not balanced and regulated by prudence it will run away with us and lead us into all sorts of foolhardy things. Boldness is a great quality when it is held in check by proper caution and guided by good judgment.

I know a man whose courage is very much over-developed, and his faculty of caution is very deficient. He does not know what fear means, and he plunges into all sorts of foolhardy operations which do not turn out well, and he is always trying to get out of things which he had gone into hastily. If his prudence had been equally developed with his courage, with his boldness, he would have made a very strong man.

Futile endeavors, half-hearted efforts never accomplish anything. It takes the fire of determination, energy, push, and good judgment to accomplish that which counts. It is the well-balanced enthusiastic man with fire in his blood, and ginger in his brain, who makes things move and achieves the seemingly impossible.—Denver Catholic Register.

The Kiss in Ancient Folklore.

A story of Alexander the Great and a kiss forms one of the most thrilling bits of history. An enemy of the king's invented a novel plot to cause Alexander's death. He discovered a beautiful young girl, who, like Rappaccini's daughter in Hawthorne's story, had been brought up on deadly poison, and every one who came near her was killed by her deadly atmosphere.

She was sent to the king's palace with instructions to do what would be called "vamping" today. Alexander saw and admired her extravagantly, but the shrewd Aristotle suspected treachery. Before he allowed the girl to approach the throne he sent the girl to a criminal who had been sentenced to death, and instructed him to kiss the girl in the presence of the king. He fell dead on the ground, like one struck by lightning.

The same story appears in folklore of India, and the early Christian monks made great use of it in their sermons, personifying the Christian as Alexander, conscience as Aristotle, sin as the venomous girl, and the weak signer as the criminal who was punished.

Disagree Over Famous Vine.

On Roanoke island, off the North Carolina coast, stands an ancient Scuppernon vine. It is near the grave of Virginia Dare and the site of the "Lost Colony." Nobody knows the age of that vine, but many nearby vines, which seem more youthful by comparison, actually are known to be more than one hundred years old.

A regional contribution to American mythology credits Sir Walter Raleigh with having planted the vine where it now stands, and further claims are that it is the original Scuppernon. Unimaginative investigators, however, say that the original Scuppernon grew wild in Tyrrell county, North Carolina, along the Scuppernon river, well before 1700, and that from this county the species found its way to Roanoke island.

Where the Banjo Came From.

The modern banjo was introduced into England from the United States, to which country it was probably taken by the African slaves, who originally obtained the idea from India. The unusual name "banjo" seems to have been derived from "banyu," the name of a Senegambian instrument of the guitar species.

Bayoneted Insects.

There is in Cuba a curious grass, Cenchrus echinatus, which bristles with tiny sharp-pointed spikelets upon which multitudes of insects are impaled, by night, as well as by day.

The wings of the victims are pierced and entangled by the barbed spikes, so that most of them are unable to get away, and thus perish miserably.

Even a large, luminous snapping beetle, which is so strongly attracted to the hand, falls a victim to these vegetable bayonets. It has been observed, however, that two species of insects, a large bug, Geobius, and an earwig, readily free themselves from the spikes. Minute insects are not caught. The grass does not appear to derive any nourishment from its prey. It is found elsewhere in the West Indies and in southern Florida.

How It Looks to One Pair of Eyes.

It is delightful to think how new everything is, spite of description. Never believe that there is an old world. There is no such place, on my honor! You will find England, France, Italy, and the East, after all you have read and heard, as altogether new as if they were created by your eye, and were never seen, painted, nor written—yet you will indeed, why—be sure—what were the world else?—I'm not ink cannot take the gloss off your eyes, nor can any man look through them as you do. I do not believe the simplest matter—sunshine or verdure—has exactly the same look to any two people in the world. How much less a human face—a landscape—a broad kingdom! Travelers are very pleasant people. They tell you what picture was produced in their brain by the things they saw.

How it looks to one pair of eyes; would be a good reminder penciled on the margin of many a volume.—N. Parker Willis in Rural Letters.

"Land of the Mind."

A French author once coined the phrase: "the land of the mind." It is a realm that many of us have forgotten. There the imagery is real; there death is unknown, and the only riches are men's thoughts.

With every age it grows in splendor. Dickens, Milton, Shakespeare, Hugo—these and countless others have left their all for those who travel there.

The demands of existence have blinded some of us to the joys that lie in such travels. As children we roamed the fields of imagination, but now we believe only in the material.

Yet we call ourselves wise. The dreary nights of winter are ahead. Why not cheat them of their dreariness, and on the wings of literature journey to the Land of the Mind?—Portland Oregonian.

About 40 farmers of the Canby district have organized the Canby Growers Cooperative association. The object is to maintain so far as possible an even flow of products to the market.

Will Be Tough on Painters.

It is believed by the Moslems that at the judgment day painters will be required to provide with souls all representations of human beings which they have made. Failing in this ordeal, they will lose their own soul as a forfeit for their presumptuous imitation of the work of the Creator.

The Umbrella's Advent.

The first umbrella ever seen in this country reached Baltimore, a shipment of them coming from England in July, 1770. Hardly any of them found purchasers for quite a while. People laughed at the molle-looking contrivance, which was not only foolish but unnecessary, inasmuch as rain would not melt anybody.

SCENE OF MAJESTIC BEAUTY

Table Mountain, for Many Reasons, is Superior to Any of the Earth's Great Peaks.

I have seen many flat-topped mesas in Africa. I have seen the bare and golden Atlas range drop away into the golden sands of Mogador, but I have never seen anything resembling its mighty mass, which is so prominent, the royal fact of the Cape Peninsula.

It is by virtue of its mass, and the colossal, battered cliffs which form its walls that Table Mountain is majestic, as also by the abruptness of its rise from the visible sea-level. The height of inland mountains is a matter of faith rather than sight; but this mountain, like Etna, and the Peak of Teneriffe and others whose roots are in the sea, announces its stature at once to the eye. It rises more immediately from the sea than either of these, yet not so immediately as it appears to do when seen from the bay. It throws out toward the ocean low spurs of mingled rock and green banks. In spring these grassy banks are all set with flowers. Among them is a pretty white flower, about the size of a narcissus, though different in shape, of which I have seen a bouquet in England, many weeks after it had been gathered at the Cape, standing in a vase without water and still quite fresh.

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